

N. Y. Lawyer Gets a Job: Handling AID \$4 Billion

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President Kennedy yesterday designated Fowler Hamilton, New York lawyer, as administrator of the new Agency for International Development.

Successor to the International Cooperation Administration and various other foreign-aid agencies, A. I. D. will have \$4 billion to spend during the current fiscal year. Mr. Hamilton's salary to administer it will be \$22,500 a year.

Mr. Hamilton, a Democrat, had been reported as a possible successor to Allen W. Dulles, as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Pierre Salinger, White

House press secretary, announcing the Hamilton appointment, said there had been no change in the announced desire of Mr. Dulles to retire later this year, and no choice of his successor.

George D. Woods, New York financier who is chairman of the First Boston Corp., had been reported as President Kennedy's choice as the new head of A. I. D. Last week Mr. Woods asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration because he felt that some press reports might make it difficult to take the job, Mr. Salinger said.

Mr. Woods' name came under criticism in Congress because he was connected with negotiations regarding the highly controversial Dyson-Yates private power contract in the Eisenhower administration.

Henry R. Labouisse, present I. C. A. director, received a "Dear Harry" letter from President Kennedy thanking him for his work and expressing pleasure that he will "continue to serve the administration in another high executive post."



Fowler Hamilton

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Neither the White House nor Mr. Labouisse indicated what the new post would be, although Mr. Salinger said it would not be in the new A. I. D. Incidentally, Mr. Hamilton was named to head an organization not yet formally created. Congress has passed, and the President has signed, a bill creating it when the President chooses to establish it by executive order.

This order will not be issued until Congress resolves the dispute between House and Senate as to just how much money it will vote for the agency—something between the House figure of \$3.8 billion and the Senate figure of \$4.2 billion.

Mr. Hamilton was born May 7, 1911, at Kansas City. He attended the University of Missouri, receiving a law degree in 1931, and Oxford University for three years as a Rhodes Scholar. There he received M.A. and B.C.L. degrees.

He was with the New York law firm, Watson, East, Grover, Barnett & Whittaker from 1935 until 1938 when he was appointed special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General. He served until 1942 when he directed the war finance unit of the Department of Justice.

In 1943 he was transferred to the American Embassy in London to become director of the embassy's economic warfare division. He returned to Washington to the Foreign Economic Administration. At the end of the war he was appointed chief legal counsel of the Department of Justice, leaving in 1946 to join the Wall Street law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, where he is now senior partner.

Over half of his professional activity since World War II has been in the field of international

law. He has made an average of two trips a year to Western Europe, Latin America or Africa while negotiating business arrangements between American and foreign firms or handling other international and legal business matters.

He is a director of Foreign Policy World Affairs Center and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Talked With Kennedy

Mr. Hamilton, reached yesterday at his office, 53 Wall St., said he conferred in Washington Tuesday with President Kennedy and was informed of his nomination.

He said the President informed him of plans to submit his name to the Senate for ratification tomorrow and that if speedy approval is voted he hopes to go to Washington by Wednesday to take over his new duties.

Mr. Hamilton said his first act will be to set up an efficient operating organization before he gives his attention to international problems with which he is familiar, both as an attorney and as a former government official. He said he had made trips abroad, visiting Europe, Africa, the Near East and Latin America several times a year. "I think I have a very good understanding of foreign problems," he said, "and I welcome this opportunity."

He said he and his wife, the former Katharine Miller, of Columbia, Mo., plan to close their Greenwich, Conn., home and move to Washington immediately after his confirmation. They have three children, Helen, twenty-four; Emily, twenty-one, and a son, Milo, sixteen.

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